

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As a result of this Amendment, claims 1-12 are under active consideration in the subject patent application.

In the Official Action, the Examiner has identified claims as standing subject to a Restriction Requirement under 35 USC §121, as follows:

Group I) claims 1-12 drawn to a method of producing a growth medium;

Group II) claims 13-30, drawn to a growth medium; and

Group III) claim 31, drawn to a growth medium.

Applicants elect, without prejudice, to prosecute the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-12. Claims 13-31 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in related applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that at least claims 1-12 are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is therefore requested. Applicants respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicants' undersigned Attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at **215-979-1255.**

Respectfully submitted,

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